

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 164

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Howard LeRoy Taylor of Rhea County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Howard LeRoy Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Howard Taylor was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Howard Green and Harriet Bryant Taylor, Howard Taylor was born on January 24, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor answered his country's call to duty during World War II and served as a medic in the United States Army at the 297th General Hospital in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Howard Taylor earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a master's degree from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected educator, Mr. Taylor taught science, physics, and chemistry; he later became an education supervisor and principal and was appointed superintendent of Rhea Central and Rhea County schools; and

WHEREAS, known by all who knew him as a man of integrity, Howard Taylor inspired, helped, and mentored numerous people in his community as a member of the Dayton Rotary Club for more than forty years. He served as the club's president from 1977 to 1978 and as its secretary for twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1992, Mr. Taylor was twice named Rotarian of the Year; he helped establish many of the club's policies, practices, and procedures, and set a Dayton Rotary Club record for his thirty years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, Howard Taylor had been a faithful member of First United Methodist Church since 1953; Mr. Taylor served on several church boards and was the Sunday school secretary for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Howard Taylor is survived by his loving wife of sixty-three years, Edwina Pierce Taylor, and numerous family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Howard LeRoy Taylor, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Taylor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.